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of a Government grant nearly 3·16 lakhs. Instructions were therefore issued to the Chief Engineer that the execution of the work should not be started in the current year.

" (e) It is likely to be taken up for execution during 1939–40.

" (f) It is proposed to provide a grant of Rs. 50,000 for the work in the Budget Estimate for 1939–40. No provision need be made for a loan as the council can meet its share of the anticipated expenditure on the work in 1939–40 from its own funds."

Minor Ports Fund and improvements to minor ports.

* 128 Q.—SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the balances standing to the credit of the Minor Ports Fund in each of the ten years ending with 1937–38;

(b) what minor ports have applied for spending of funds in each of the three years ending with 1937–38 and during the year 1938–39 the amount applied for and granted or refused, together with the nature of the works in respect of which the amount was applied for during the said period;

(c) whether any applications or representations are now pending before the Government asking for improvements to minor ports; if so, from which minor ports and the nature of such applications or representations;

(d) what the minor ports are which left surpluses for being credited to the Minor Ports Fund during each of the ten years ending with 1937–38, the amount of such surpluses of each such port during each of the said years; and

(e) what, if any, the minor ports are which incurred deficits during each of the ten years ending with 1937–38, the amount of such deficits of each such port during each of the ten years ending with 1937–38?

THE HON. MR. YAKUB HASAN:—" (a), (b) & (c) The information is given in statements[a] I, II and III placed on the table.

" (d) & (e) As only one account under the name of Minor Ports Fund is maintained it is not possible to find out which ports contributed surpluses and which incurred deficits."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA:—" Is it a fact that this Minor Ports Fund includes the balances of income derived from shipping and landing?"

THE HON. MR. YAKUB HASAN:—" No; there is a separate fund for each port for shipping and landing."

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a Printed as Appendix VII on pages 289–292 infra.